

flagitiousness. We especially ought to pray that the power Europe may be so poised and counterpoised among themselves that their own safety may require the presence of all the force at home, leaving the other quarters of the globe in undisturbed tranquillity. When our strength will permit us to give the peace of our hemisphere, it should be that the meridian of the North Atlantic should be the line of demarkation between war and peace, on this side of which no act of hostility should be committed, and the lion and the lamb shall lie down in peace together. (To Dr. Crawford, 1812. C. VI., 33.)

ENGLAND.—But the English Government never dies, because the King is no part of it; he is a mere formality, and the government is the aristocracy of the country, for the House of Commons is of that class. Their aim is to claim the dominion of the ocean by conquest, and to make every vessel navigable it pay a tribute to the support of the fleet necessary to maintain that dominion, to which their own resources are inadequate. I see no means of terminating their maritime dominion or tyranny but in their own bankruptcy, which I hope is approaching. (To Dr. Brown, 1813. C. VI., 165.)

ENGLAND.—There is not a nation on the globe with whom I have more earnestly wished a friendly intercourse on equal conditions. On no other would I hold out the hand of friendship to any. I know that their creatures represent me as personally an enemy to England. But fools can only think of those who think me a fool. I am an enemy to her insults and injuries. I am an enemy to the flagitious principles of her administration, and to those who govern her course towards other nations. But would she give to morality its place in the political code, and especially would she exercise decency, and at least neutral passions towards us, there is no I repeat it, a people on earth with whom I would sacrifice much to be in friendship. (To Caesar Rodney, 1815. C. ' 449-)